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SUBJECT: PHASE DOWN OF SOUTHCOM RELIEF ASSISTANCE

1. AMBASSADOR VISITED COLONEL JOSE DE LA CRUZ HERNANDEZ AT COPEN HEADQUARTERS AFTER RETURN FROM NORTH COAST DISASTER AREA. THE AMBASSADOR PRESENTED A PLAN FOR A PHASE DOWN OF SOUTHCOM RELIEF ASSISTANCE. COLONEL HERNANDEZ ACCEPTED THE PLAN.

2. THE PLAN'S BASIC POSITION IS THAT SOUTHCOM PARTICIPATION IN DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS SHOULD BE REDUCED FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF OPERATIONS ON OCTOBER 3. THE SPECIFIC PHASE DOWN STEPS ARE THE FOLLOWING:

(A) RELEASE TWO UH-IN AIR FORCE HELICOPTERS AND ASSOCIATED MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT GEAR, EXCLUSIVE OF COMMUNICATION ITEMS, ON OCTOBER 4;

(B) RELEASE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR ONE UH-IH ARMY HELICOPTER ON OCTOBER 4 BUT RETAIN IT ON STANDBY
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BASIS;

(C) RELEASE REMAINING AIR FORCE COMMUNICATION
EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORT GEAR ON OCTOBER 5; AND

(D) RELEASE SELECTED ARMY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT
AND SUPPORT GEAR ON OCTOBER 4 AND 5.

3. ARMY PERSONNEL WILL BE RETAINED TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN
ONE UH-1H HELICOPTER AND ONE U-21 AIRCRAFT FOR INDEFINITE
PERIOD. IN ADDITION, ONE UH-1H WILL BE MAINTAINED AS POSSIBLE
REPLACEMENT FOR OPERATIONAL UH-1H. OTHER SOUTHCOM PERSONNEL
AND EQUIPMENT TO BE RETAINED FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD INCLUDE
10 COLLINS KWM-2A RADIOS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT WITH 10
ENLISTED PERSONNEL AND ONE SIGNAL CORPS OFFICER.

4. PERSONNEL FROM USMILGP WILL CONTINUE TO ASSIST AID IN
ESTABLISHING AND COORDINATING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.
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